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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1-9. (Canceled)
10. (New) A draughtboard, comprising:
  - a) a number of first squares of a first colour, and a number of second squares of a second colour, said first and second squares are defined by removable blocks; and
  - b) said blocks comprise gripping means, said gripping means are raised with respect to said blocks.
11. (New) A draughtboard as claimed in Claim 10, and further comprising a supporting surface for said removable blocks.
12. (New) A draughtboard as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said supporting surface comprises a raised peripheral edge for laterally retaining said blocks.
13. (New) A draughtboard as claimed in Claim 10, wherein said gripping means comprise a knob for each said block.
14. (New) A game kit, comprising:
  - a) a draughtboard having a number of first squares of a first colour, a number of second squares of a second colour, and a first and second number of pieces of two different colours;

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b) said first and second squares are defined by removable blocks;

c) said blocks comprise raised gripping means; and

d) said pieces each comprise a bottom seat for housing said gripping means.